

## **MANCHESTER CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, May 3, 2007  
6:00pm

**Location:** City Hall

**Commissioners Present:** Michael Poisson, Victor Goulet, Lou DeMato, Tara Hurst

**Commissioners Absent:** Jerry Thibodeau, JoAnn O'Shaughnessy, Gregory Duval; Alternates  
Absent: Todd Connors and Greg Sargent

**Guest:** Pat Mattson from the Sierra Club  
Luke Hurley, Gove Environmental Services, Inc.  
Robert MacKenzie, Planning Department  
John St. John, Nobis Engineering

**Submitted by:** Gin Poisson, Administrative Assistant

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, June 7, 2007

### **Agenda:**

**February Minutes:** Accepted as submitted. Motion made by Victor Goulet, seconded by Lou DeMato, all in favor, motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Accepted as presented by Lou DeMato and filed.

New Bills:

\$133.00 for the auger, previously approved to Tara Hurst

\$5.00 for new badge from Harris Trophy

\$318.50 copying Wetland Study Booklets – Infinite Imaging

A motion to pay by Lou DeMato, seconded by Victor Goulet, all in favor, motion carried.

**Old Business:** Wetland Study Booklets were distributed to commissioners in attendance.

All Dogs Gym – permit approved 07/04/2001 – This permit was issued with specific conditions. As of today's date many conditions have not been met, i.e.: Mitigation: 1. 505 Sheffield Holding, LLC will establish an escrow account in the name of the Manchester Conservation Commission, in the amount of \$6,000.00 to be used for a prime wetlands study and designation; other conditions not met: water quality testing and deeded conservation easement. Michael Poisson will send a letter to DES with complaint form.

Michael Poisson has made attempts to contact Mark West of West Environmental

**New Business: 1)** Luke Hurley from Gove Environmental Services, Inc.

On behalf of the Vocational Partnership of Region #15 – Road Crossing, Stanton Street. NHDES Wetlands Bureau Minimum Impact Expedited Dredge and Fill Application.

The project proposes to fill 2,700 square feet of wetland through two separate areas. A permanent impact of 1,650 square feet of scrub shrub wetlands for a road crossing. An additional temporary impact of 1,050 square feet will also be needed for a 28-foot wide utility crossing. This temporary impact area will be restored to its pre-construction condition by replacing any shrubs removed in entire soil blocks, back into the wetland area, as possible. The entire area will be seeded and mulched with straw after construction.

The project is needed to gain access to the buildable upland area on the site. Stanton Street is currently a hammerhead, dead end road. In order to extend Stanton Street to access the

buildable uplands, no other alternative is possible with the location of the wetlands so close to the end of the existing road. Additionally, due to the topography of the site, the storm water drains are proposed so they act on gravity where the storm water will collect near the beginning of the cul-de-sac and travel to the east. The storm water will then enter into a detention pond before being discharged as overflow into the storm drains and tie into the existing swale abutting Justin Place.

Michael Poisson: Concern about impacts for drives.

Luke: There will be no impacts to drives.

Michael Poisson: Would like to see more finished plans before he makes any decision.

Michael Poisson: Suggested a site-walk.

Luke: Mentioned that CLD has updated plans and could bring them to the site walk.

Michael: Has received phone calls from abutters – concerns of the pond and flooding, so that is a big concern when filling in wetlands. Others concerns at Justin and Huse, low spot, concern of flooding.

Tara Hurst: Lot #10 concerns of driveways close to pond. Would also like to see more detailed plans.

Luke: There will be very little buffer impact to Lot #10 as proposed.

After much discussion, a site walk will be scheduled with the Manchester Planning Board, CLD Engineering and Gove Environmental - a tentative date of Monday at 5:30pm providing everyone can make it and plans are done in time. Plans to meet at Stanton Street. Michael will send out an email.

Abutters have been notified of application to the Manchester Conservation Commission.

**2) John St. John from Nobis Engineering - Mitigation on Hackett Hill. Standard Dredge and Fill Application – Major subdivision of Northwest Business Park for Manchester Housing and Redevelopment Corporation, Phase I.**

John would like to get up to speed to make this a better project. Lot 5 Conservation Parcel. Pictures were shown of Atlantic White Cedars, White Oak, Black Gum, etc. Interesting wetland, not dominated by anything, has a little of everything. There are also a number of vernal pools on this site. John has been studying these vernal pools. Property is owned by the Manchester Housing and Redevelopment Authority. Easement area is 5 acres. John would like a letter from the Nature Conservancy, Conservation Commission or Fish and Game to hold this easement.

Lou DeMato: Asked when John would be available for a site-walk. John mentioned that there is a site-walk planned for Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup> – in the morning with DES if anyone would like to go.

Bob MacKenzie – City Planning Department mentioned that the Nature Conservancy is not interested in taking the easement.

After much discussion of maximum amount of wetland impacts, cedar swamps, drainage swale and grading – the Commissioners decided that they are very interested in taking the easement, however they all agreed that a site-walk would be in order before a final decision is made. JoAnn O'Shaughnessy has expressed interest in an email to attend the site walk on Monday.

Manchester Conservation Commission site walk should take approximately one hour and half and is scheduled for Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. Meet at parking lot at school. Michael will send email to John who will in turn attach a map.

Pat Mattson: Spoke more on the street lights – lamp portion had been taken down, base left intact then pitched far and wide. Pat believes that it is in part vandalism.

John St. John: has also seen these lamps in the woods.

Pat Mattson: There is broken glass – several were upended, one was collecting water and the bulk of them had been broken.

Robert MacKenzie: will follow up to find out when this will be cleaned up. The property belongs to the Housing and Redevelopment not the city.

Lou DeMato: Guessed that whoever took the polls threw the lights into the woods.

Pat Mattson: passed out pictures of lights in the woods and in the stream. Pat also mentioned that 1<sup>st</sup> time she was out there – she saw a truck going down the hill with 20 people – what were they doing up there? How did they get through the gate?

On a lighter note: Pat Mattson mentioned that she went to the earth day celebration - well attended – highly successful.

**Mail: 1) SNHPC Newsletter (2)**

**2) Piscataquog Newsletter**

**3) HCCD Flyer “Everything you need to know about preserving your land”**

**4) New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services Newsletter**

**5) A note from Paula on whether or not we will be having a meeting on Thursday, July 5, 2007**

It was decided to keep the date.

**6) Invitation to attend the 2007 Volunteer Lake Assessment Program Workshop**

**7) NHDES – Wetlands and Non-Site Specific permit 2005-02599 PSNH**

**8) Letter- 2007-04-20 Paul Piszczek Draft of Water Quality Certification for the MHT-Boston Regional Airport**

**9) NHDES - Manchester-Boston Regional Airport Wetlands Permit 2006-03219 to dredge and fill approx. 4.98 acres of emergent, scrub-shrub and forested wetlands for the construction of a 600 foot runway safety area at the eastern end of Runway 6-24.**

**10) NHDES – Request for more information RE: File #2007-00177 Patricia Haederle, Keyspan Energy Delivery.**

**11) City of Manchester – Notice of Administrative Completeness – Minimum Impact Expedited Application #2007-00718, Tax Map Lot # 655/17.**

**12) NHDES – Request for more information - #2007-00163, Salmon Brother Realty Inc. Tax Map 775, Lot #8**

**13) NHDES – Wetlands and Non-site specific permit 2007-00323 – Birch Tree Pasture, LLC – Cohas Road – Approval Date: 04/05/07.**

**14) United States Department of the Interior – A letter soliciting proposals for funding through the Merrimack River Bald Eagle Fund.**

Lou will scan and email to JoAnn.

**15) NHDES – Minimum Impact Expedited Application – City of Manchester – Schiller Street**

**16) Piscataquog River Local Advisory Committee Minutes/Agenda**

**17) The Smart Associates – Specifications on the Runway 24 Safety Area Improvement Project**

**18) NHDES – Request for more information #2007-00142 South Mammoth Homes, LLC Tax Map Lot #818 26A, 27, 28A, 29C**

**19) City of Manchester Planning and Community Development – SP-6-2007 Proposed 65,900 square foot waste recovery facility at 500 Dunbarton Road.**

- 20A)** City of Manchester Planning and Community Development – SP-1-2004 / PD-1-2004, Amendment 2007 and CU-2-2004, Amendment 2007
- 20B)** Set of Plans from City of Manchester Planning and Community Development SP-9-2007 / PD-4-2007 and CU-10-2007
- 21)** Set of Plans from City of Manchester Planning and Community Development S-07-2007 Revised 4-12-2007
- 22)** Set of Plans from City of Manchester Planning and Community Development SP-6-2007
- 23)** NHDES – Notice of Administrative Completeness – Standard Dredge and Fill Application 2007-00623 – City of Manchester, Reservoir Ave, Tax Map Lot #81-A/3

Mail Item #5: A note from Paula on whether or not we will be having a meeting on Thursday, July 5, 2007 It was decided to keep the date.

Mail Item #14 United States Department of the Interior – A letter soliciting proposals for funding through the Merrimack River Bald Eagle Fund. Lou DeMato will scan and email to JoAnn O'Shaughnessy.

**Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.